

Lesson Topic – I Am the Vine

That's Good to Know – Stay close to Jesus, and great things will happen.

Bible Lesson – A miraculous catch. Luke 5:1-11

Spoken Word – “I am the vine; you are the branch. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Parent Corner –

The New Testament speaks of being in union with Christ (see Col. 2:10). Union means “joining two or more things into one.” When a welder gorges two pieces of metal together, he has brought them into union. Marriage is also a type of union. As Christians, we have been brought into union with Christ. The Scripture Memory verse gives us a beautiful illustration of what that union means: Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches. The same life that flows through the vine flows through the branches. This is how we are able to produce “the fruit of the Spirit.”

It is important that our kids learn that staying close or, “in union” with Jesus is the only way they can live the Christian life. Many people are frustrated in their Christian walks because they are trying to live right in their own strength. We as Christians are simply to love people with the love of God that is in us through our union with Christ. We need not try to merely act like Jesus; we can use the same life of God that is in Him to produce the same fruit that He had. That is why He was able to say in John 14:12: “...if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.”

How are we able to live that same life Jesus lived and do what He wants us to do? Do we obey all the right rules? No, the Pharisees were doing that to the letter. We come to understand that “I have died, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). It is by following Jesus and experiencing that union with Him that we will be able to produce the fruit that is pleasing to God. Let's raise up this next generation of kids to go forth in the power of being permanently connected to Jesus so that His life flows through them. God will then be able to do great things through our kids.